

# **“Patriot Cephalonian” Panaghis Harokopos, founder of the Greek Church in Bucharest**

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## Panaghis A. Harokopos (1835-1911)



Born (1835) in the village of Plaghia, Erissos peninsula, on the island of Cephalonia





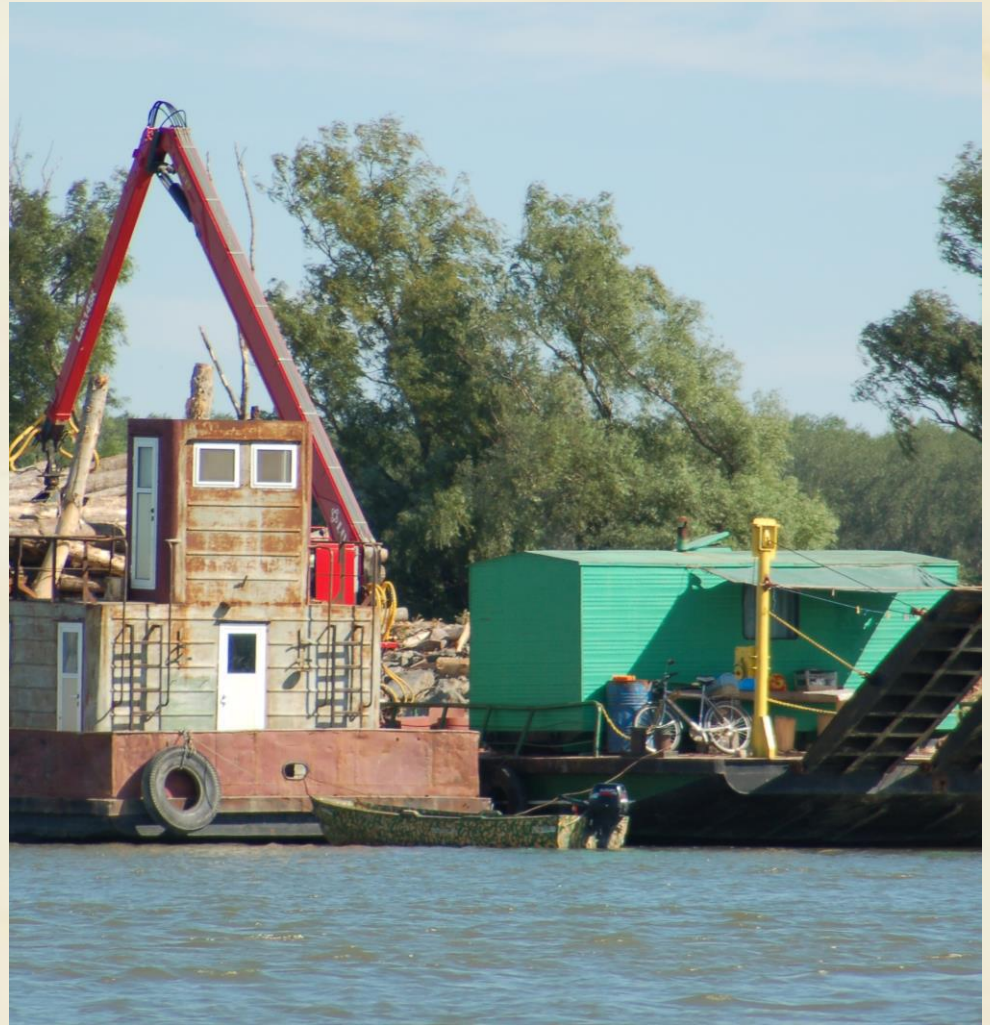
# Constantinople

- 1855: He went to Constantinople “I arrived there with only 12 piasters in the pouch”
- He worked in the shipping of goods, along with a compatriot named Destounis
- He had the opportunity to raise a small capital.
- 1857: He left for Romania (Braila)



# Greeks in Romania

The Treaty of  
Adrianople (1829)  
provoked a new  
wave of Greek  
emigrants to all the  
commercial centers  
in the Romanian  
lands.



## Greeks in Romania

They were occupied in commerce, especially in the grain trade and timber trade, the navigation, but also the exploitation of the land.





# Greek Communities in Romania

- The Greek communities in Romania were very well organized, having their own churches and schools, associations, libraries and reading rooms.



Greek Community of Braila, founded in 1863

# Panaghis Harokopos in Romania

## Professional and beneficial activities



- He was occupied in grain trade.
- He also leased estates in Călărași and Craiova.
- He called his brothers Ioannis, Spyridon and Nikolaos to work with him.

Călărași, estate Roșeți



# Panaghis Harokopos in Bucharest



- He opened a trading office for agricultural products in Bucharest, located next to the Șerban Vodă Inn.



**KING CAROL I OF ROMANIA**

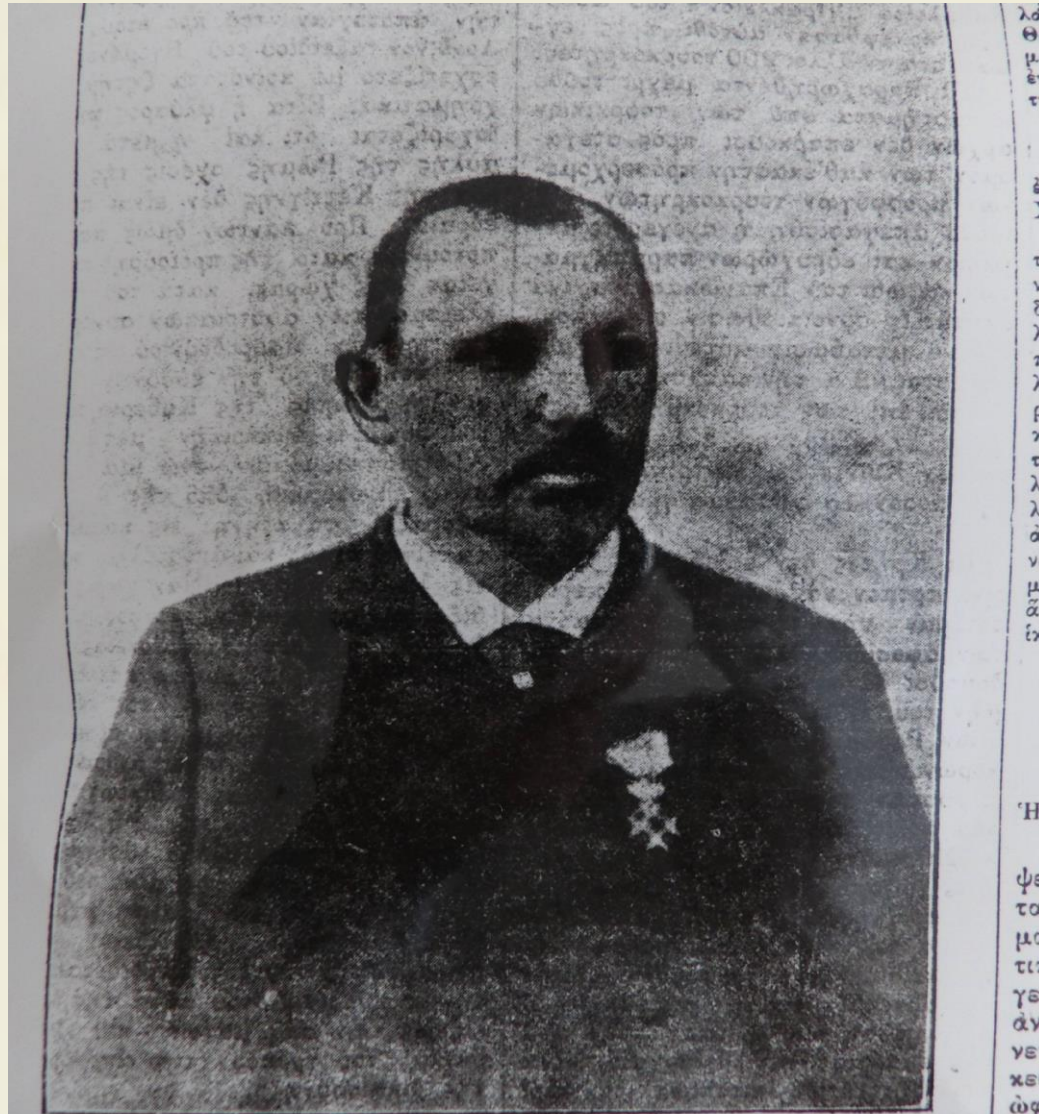
- P. Harokopos provoked the interest of King Carol I, who often consulted him on matters concerning the cultivation of the land and the administration of his estates.



- The king honored him, conferring on him the National Order "Romanian Star", thus appreciating the entire contribution of P. Harokopos to the development of agriculture.



# Panaghis Harokopos



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# Foundation of the Greek Church in Bucharest (1899) (Founder: Panaghis Harokopos)





# The Greek Church in Bucharest







DURING THE REIGN  
OF THE KING OF  
GREECE GEORGE I /  
AND [DURING THE  
REIGN] OF THE KING  
OF ROMANIA CAROL I  
/ THIS CHURCH OF  
THE LORD WAS  
ERECTED /  
SPONSORED BY THE  
CHEFALONIT'  
PATRIOT /  
PANAGHIS  
HAROKOPOS /IN  
THE YEAR OF  
SALVATION 1899



# The Greek Church in Bucharest

“This church, through its exterior, will recall the classical age of our ancestors, and through its interior [it will recall] the fact that Byzantium is the Christian starting point, the religious and political dream of every Greek”

**Panaghis Harokopos**

## A vertical illustration of a plant branch. The branch is thin and dark, extending from the bottom left towards the top right. It has two large, elongated, reddish-brown leaves. The leaves are slightly curved and have a mottled appearance with some darker spots. The background is a light, textured surface.





# The Greek Church in Bucharest



- German architect: A. Lardel
- Sub-contractor: Greek sculptor Nikolaos Halepas from Tinos (brother of the great sculptor Yiannoulis Halepas)

P. Harokopos donated the marble iconostasis  
(1902)





# Iconostasis

Made in Athens by the sculptor Theodoros M. Tombros from Andros (father of the great Greek sculptor Michalis Tombros), according to the design of the distinguished architect Anastasios Metaxas



DESIGNED BY THE  
ARCHITECT AN. METAXAS

MADE BY TH. M.  
TOMBROS, ATHENS



Wall paintings of the Church (1904): made by the painter Konstantinos Liokis- Livadas, from Cephalonia



# Wall paintings





# Wall Paintings: Konstantinos Liokis- Livadas (signature)





# Renovation of the Greek Church in Bucharest: sponsored by Dimitrios & Eleni Grigoriadi from Thessaloniki (1999)

- THIS CHURCH OF THE /  
ANNONCIATION /WAS  
RENOVATED GRACE TO  
THE CARE AND /  
EXPENSES OF THE  
PATRIOT  
THESSALONIANS /  
DIMITRIOS AND  
ELENI  
GRIGORIADI/THE  
YEAR OF SALVATION  
1999



# “Dowry Institution” for the villagers of the estates in Calarasi (1899)

“Panaghis Harokopos and his brothers ..., having feelings of profound gratitude to the country that hosted them and which was their second homeland, at the same time afflicted with genuine affection for the peasants of the earth ... decided to establish a settlement, in support peasant farmers”



Calarasi, estate Roșeți, the manor of the village



# Installation in Athens (1899)

- 1895: P. Harokopos bought a mansion in Athens
- 1910: He sold the mansion to Emmanuil Benakis, a Greek businessman from Egypt (today it hosts Benaki Museum, Vassilissis Sofias & 1, Koumbari St.)



First Harokopos Mansion- Benaki  
Mansion- Museum Benaki



The second Harokopos Mansion (4-6, Acadimias St.; it has been demolished). Architect: Anastasios Metaxas



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# Panaghis Harokopos







# Professional and beneficial activities in Greece

- He bought five estates in Thessaly
- He contributed to the modernization of agriculture, to the development of crafts and industry
- He contributed to the development of the finance and banking sector
- Donations and Bequests

Harokopos Mansion in Yiannouli, Larissa.  
Architect: Anastasios Metaxas



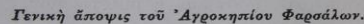
# New types of agricultural machinery in the estates of Harokopos







### ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΣΜΑΤΑ ΥΠΟΔΕΙΓΜΑΤΙΚΩΝ ΚΑΛΛΙΕΡΓΕΙΩΝ

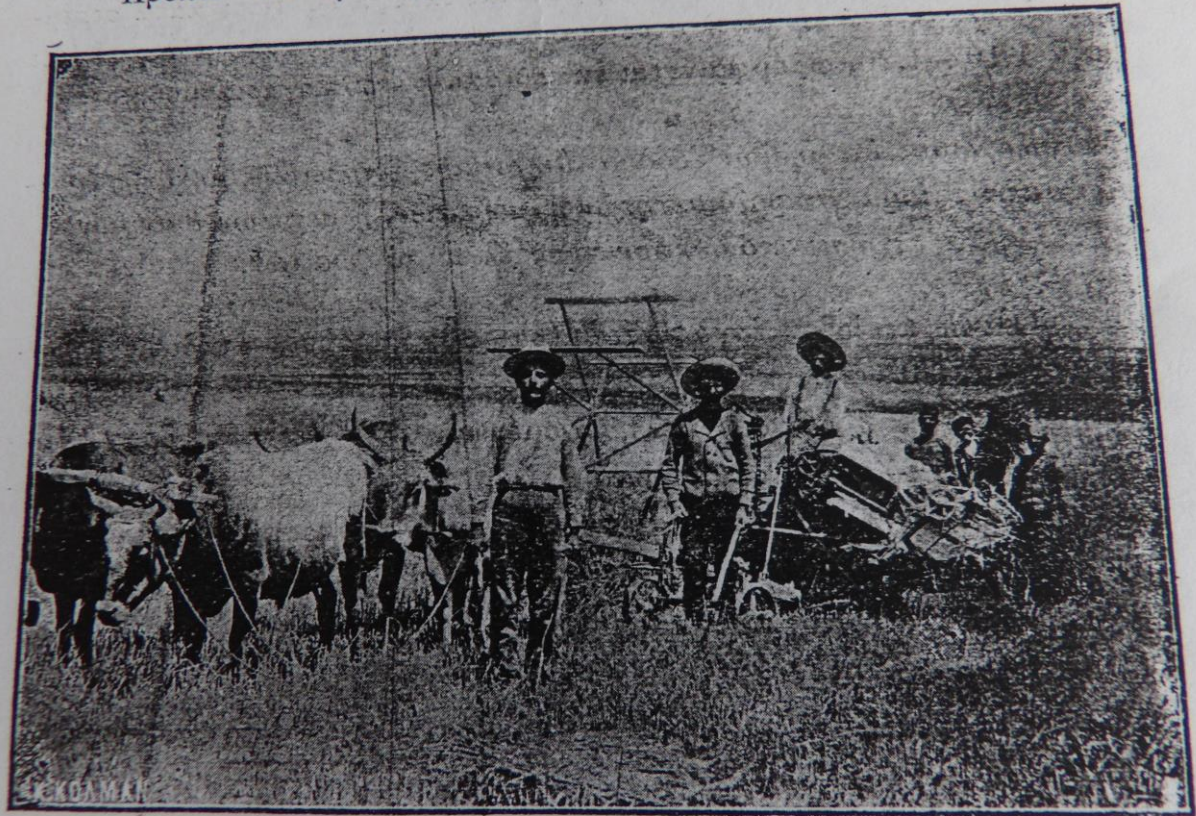


<sup>9</sup> Ἀπὸ τῶν ἐκτεταμένους κάμπους τῆς Θεσσαλίας, ὁ κάμπος τῶν Φαρσάλων εἶναι ἐκ τῶν πλέον παραγωγικῶν καὶ τῶν πλέον εὐφόρων.

(1) Εἰς τὴν Ἰδρουν τοῦ Ἀγορκεπίου τὰ μέγιστα συνείπεν ὁ ἀειμνηστος μέγας εὐεργετὴς τῆς ἑταιρείας Παναγῆς Χαροκόπου. Ἐπίσης ὁ ἄνθρωπος καὶ κοινότης Φαροάων, οἵτινες προσεφίλησαν γὰρ διασχίσαν ἐκ τῶν παρὰ τὴν πόλιν τῶν Φαροάων κοινοτικῶν λεωβαδίων ἔκτισαν ἐν συνόλῳ 300 περίπου στρεμμάτων ἐς θέσιν Βαροδὶ καὶ Μελεῖται Τσιτά.

# Model Farm in Farsala

κατὰ μηχανὴν πλήρη φεριστικὴν καὶ αὐτοθετικὴν.  
Πρέπει νὰ δμολογήσωμεν ὅτι ἀνεξαρτήτως τῆς γινομένης



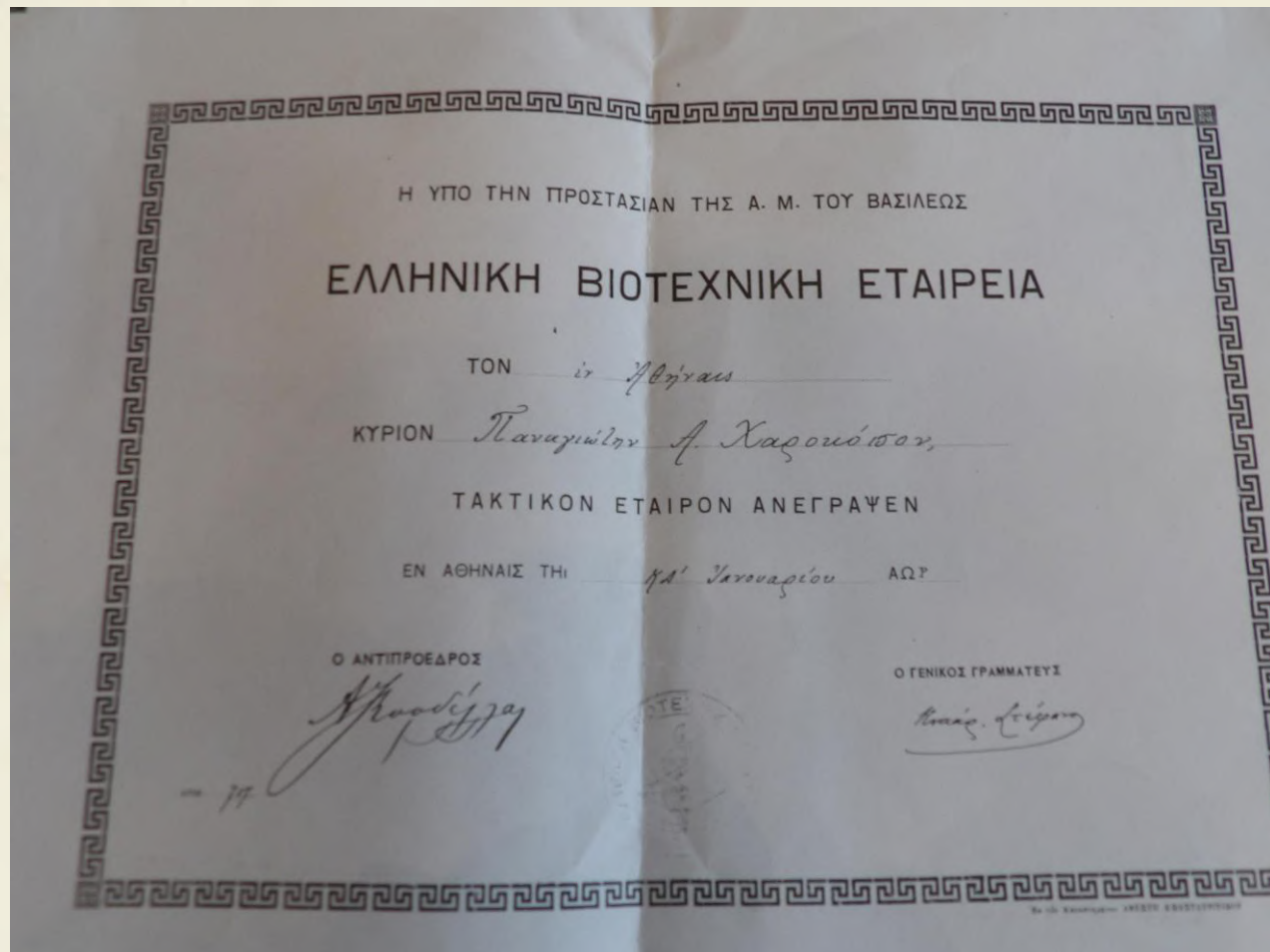


# Bequest to the Greek Agricultural Society for organizing annual exhibitions and competitions in Thessaly





# Bequest to the School of the Greek Society of Crafts for the creation of a scholarship program



P. Harokopos was elected member of the Board of Directors of the National Bank and of the Popular Bank



The Popular Bank in Athens



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# “Polyclinic of Athens” (1905)



“Polyclinic of Athens”: founders the brothers doctors Nikolaos and Andreas Alivizatos, from Cephalonia



“Polyclinic of Athens”: Donations by P. Harokopos & bequest for an annual grant



PANAGHIS A. HAROKOPOS HALL.  
Polyclinic of Athens



"Harokopion Workshop for poor women and girls" in Kefallonia, for learning women's arts.



Announcement of the foundation of the "**Harokopios School**". P. Harokopos bought a plot of 20 acres in Kallithea, Athens (1906)

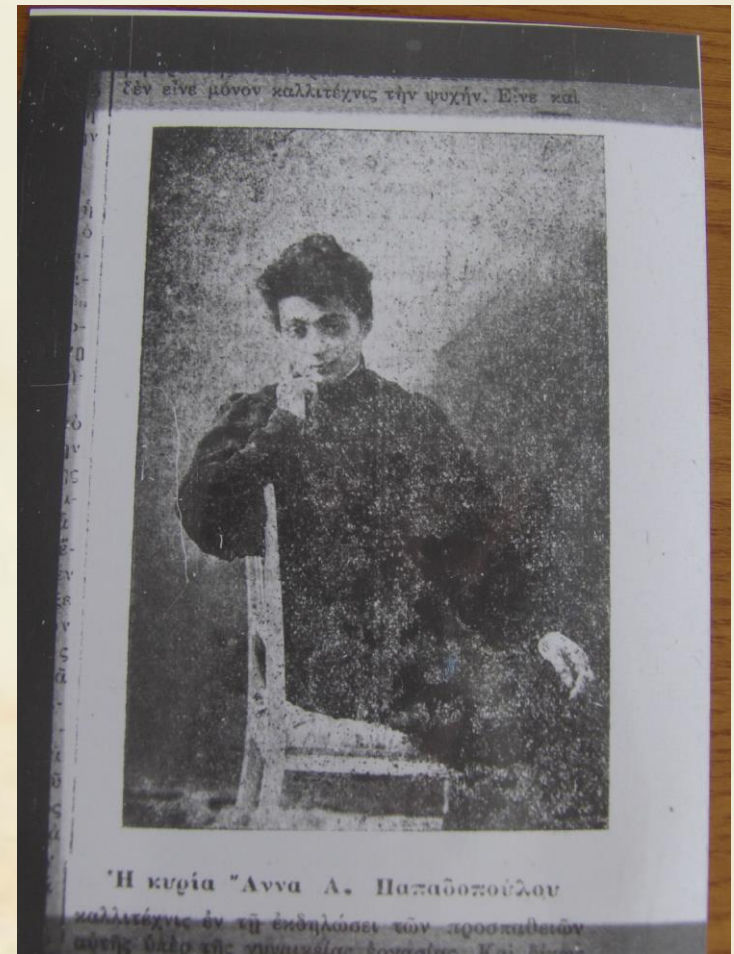


Foundation of the Harokopios School by the Queen Sophia (1915)



# Anna Mela-Papadopoulou (1871-1938) about the "Harokopios School"

- “Fortunately, the man who was needed for the awakening of women today in Greece was found. The settlement with which P. Harokopos intended to endow us includes all those that other settlements and brethren of all kinds will want to achieve separately.” (Newspaper *Acropolis*, 15.11. 1908)”



Anna Mela-Papadopoulou



"Harokopios Higher School of Home  
Economics"  
(functioned from 1929 to 1990)



# Harokopio University

(founded in 1990)





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# Harokopio University- Library





# Political activity

P. Harokopos was elected deputy of Attica and Beotia within the Liberal Party of El. Venizelos (1910)



Tomb of P. Harokopos (1835-1911), First Cemetery in Athens (sculptor: G. Bonanos)







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